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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Nonpublic School Directors, and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Announcing the Release of High School Student Wellness Team Grants

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of student wellness team grants, and would like you to encourage your high schools to apply.

To Apply

To apply for these grants, please have your MEGS Authorized Official initiate the "Wellness Implementation" located at <http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megs>.

- Application Deadline: Friday, January 26, 2007
- Award Amount: \$500/applicant
- Application: Easy to complete, online through the Michigan Education Grants System (MEGS). Nonpublic schools must work through their Local Education Agency to apply through MEGS.

Project Background and Focus

These grants will support student local wellness policy advocacy. The Michigan Department of Education will fund at least 16 high school student local wellness policy implementation teams (\$500/team) to create a road map for future Michigan students to follow when implementing district local wellness policies. The overall goal of this grant is to learn what role students can play in implementing district local wellness policies.

Application Eligibility

Applicant schools must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

1. Be a public school, public school academy, or nonpublic school serving, at a minimum, 9th grade students. (This grant is targeting high schools.)
2. Participate in the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program.

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3. Be part of a district that has adopted a local wellness policy.
4. Be enrolled or in the process of enrolling in Team Nutrition.

Project Requirements

1. Agree to form a student wellness team consisting of at least four students.
2. Agree to complete the Healthy School Action Tool (HSAT) and submit a HSAT plan at <http://mihealthtools.org/schools> by March 16, 2007.
3. Based on the students' input, identify and implement, by September 30, 2007, at least one school health environmental change related to implementing the school's district local wellness policy (one physical activity/education and/or one nutrition-related).
4. Agree to spend allocated funds by September 30, 2007.
5. Complete an end-of-the-year evaluation documenting success stories, lessons learned, and use of funds by September 30, 2007.

Where to Obtain Additional Assistance

Questions regarding these grants may be directed to Nick Drzal by e-mail at drzaln@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-335-1730.